Weekly and hourly earnings guide

Guide to labour statistics

Learn about our weekly and hourly earnings measures and how to use them

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Overview

Earnings measures can be derived for many time periods. Weekly and hourly measures are common across our various earnings sources. Measures with shorter time periods provide a common period for comparison of earnings levels, whereas measures with longer time periods are more affected by compositional or structural factors.

The Earnings guide (/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/earnings-guide) includes information about other earnings measures.

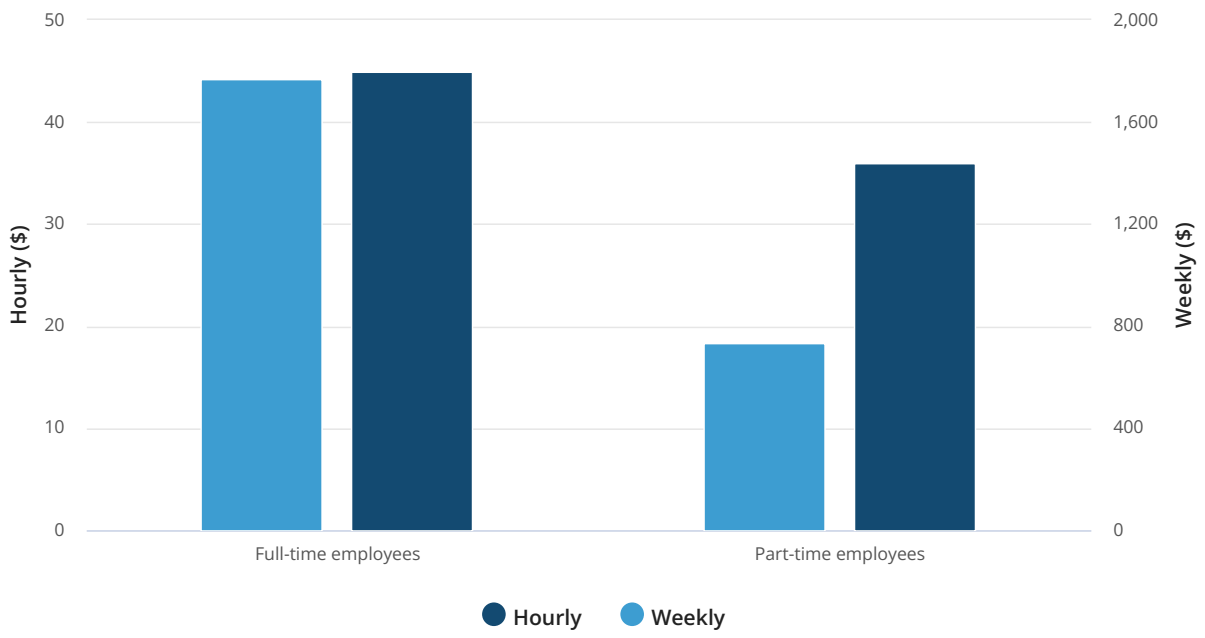
Hourly earnings

- Provide a common period for comparing earnings, removing the effect of differences in total hours worked.
- For example, we can compare how much full-time and part-time workers receive for the same amount of time worked (that is, for each hour they worked).
- Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia (/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/employee-earnings-and-hours-australia/latest-release) (EEH) is the best source for hourly earnings data.
- EEH includes data for non-managerial employees by sex, occupation, industry, state/territory, public/private sector, and employer size.
- Employee earnings (/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/employee-earnings/latest-release) includes hourly earnings data by education qualification, main and secondary jobs, and working arrangements every year.

Weekly earnings

- Influenced by changes in the overall composition of the workforce over time.
- Affected by changes in hours worked and work patterns, as well as changes in the level of earnings of employees.
- Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/average-weekly-earnings-australia/latest-release) includes weekly earnings estimates by industry, state/territory, and public/private sector every six months
- Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia (/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/employee-earnings-and-hours-australia/latest-release) provides estimates by age, sex, occupation and employer size every two years.
- Employee earnings (/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/employee-earnings/latest-release) includes estimates by education qualification, main and secondary jobs, and working arrangements every year.

Non-managerial employees, average cash earnings (Original)



Source: Employee Earnings and Hours, May 2021 (/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/employee-earnings-and-hours-australia/may-2021)